

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS
MINUTES
March 21, 2022
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Bueter, Kristin Donley, Nicole Hutchinson, Arion Lillard-Green, Pablo Moulden, Gerald Padmore, Andrew Torre, Robert Whitman, Shelbert Williams

AHD STAFF: Debby Dimon, Nechelle Terrell

ABSENT: Chennel Hill-Welbon, Jon Scarffe

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Commissioner Arion Lillard-Green, Chair.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

New commissioner, Kirstin Donley, introduced herself to the commission. Kristen is filling the seat for ACPS, vacated by Leanne Desmond. She is the Health/Physical Education/Family Life Education K-12 Instructional Specialist and stated she is happy to be a part of the commission.

Commissioner and Alexandria Health Department staff made introductions.

III. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY MINUTES

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Nechelle noted two additions made after the minutes were distributed. The name of the seats vacated by Leanne Desmond for ACPS and Brian Garner, Citizen at Large seats were added to the minutes. Commissioner Gerald Padmore moved to accept the minutes with the additions. Commissioner Robert Whitman second the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

IV. 2022 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DISCUSSION

Nechelle presented the results from the survey provided to all commissioners. She stated that she received eight responses.

The commission discussed the results of the survey, highlighting HIV related topics of interest they would like to have presented on at a future meeting or event. Topics of interest included HIV and the aging population and comorbidities; HIV laws and policies; maternal HIV; HIV and black women; and disproportionately affected heterosexual populations.

Other topics of interest included a proposal that the commission prioritize Family Life Education for 2022-2023. Other concerns were awareness of Virginia legislation changes regarding LGBTQ individuals and the impact.

The commission will use the information collected through the survey and from the discussion to propose Goals and Objectives for 2022-2023 at the April meeting.

V. AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inova Juniper

Commissioner Gerald Padmore informed the commission that Inova Juniper collaborated with Neighborhood health on a CDC grant to have outreach services in areas of needs in the Black, Latinx, and African immigrant communities.

Juniper still has mail-in HIV testing kits for distribution.

Juniper will be a Doctor based model where people will be able to have all medical needs worked as opposed to only HIV care.

Inova Health System will be opening a Pride clinic that will allow healthcare treatment for those who have insurance, in an environment that will be open to all health needs.

Neighborhood Health Services

Commissioner Andrew Torre informed the commission that Ryan White staff continue to provide services to people living with HIV while working in a hybrid setting, partly from home and partly in office. NHS continues to reach out to clients for labs, medical visits, and to enforce treatment adherence.

COVID vaccines are available to Ryan White clients per the available recommendations. Debby Dimon asked about the vaccination rates among HIV positive population. Andrew will follow up on that data and report back to the Commission next month.

Andrew asked about the AHD's plans around HIV testing and she stated they are looking into it, however, NovaSalud, Inc. is currently testing most of the clientele in Alexandria.

NovaSalud, Inc.

Commissioner Pablo Moulden informed the commission that NOVASalud, Inc. is dissemination a survey to staff and clients to assist with UVA Transgender Health Study. They are also conducting annual surveys for quality management services for Ryan White programs, STI Services and the Trans community.

NovaSalud is getting back to Face-to-Face program with Arlington County Public Schools. Connecting with ACAP to provide speaker from the program.

They will also begin hosting LGBTQ Pride Night, 5-7 pm every Thursday beginning April 21. "Pride Thursday" will offer HIV & STI testing and referrals. Community members and partners are invited to attend.

Alexandria Health Department

Debby Dimon shared that AHD is looking for a Nurse to work at the Teen Wellness Center to be located at the "new" Minnie Howard campus of Alexandria High School.

Sheriff's Office

Lt. Shelbert Williams informed the commission that the Alexandria Sheriff's office is going through accreditation process with CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for

Law Enforcement Agencies) on April 12, 1-4:30. Community members are invited to offer comments during this meeting. More information is available on their website.

Most of the HIV inmates are from other facilities and being held at the Alexandria Detention Center waiting for transfer. No new cases. Still have people that come in to provide testing.

COVID vaccination numbers are low among inmates due to transfers and other issues.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.